

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jane G. Kisber.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jane G. Kisber of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kisber was an extraordinary human being whose grace, compassion and dedication to improving her community, her state and the lives of all Tennesseans will never be replaced; and

WHEREAS, all who were fortunate to meet Jane Kisber were soon enamored with her selflessness, her passion for life and her devotion to her community; and

WHEREAS, she truly loved the city of Jackson; upon her arrival there in, 1955 she began her lifelong immersion into the numerous civic, cultural and political activities she shared with her devoted husband, Jonas; and

WHEREAS, Jane Kisber possessed a quick mind and an abundance of energy that she used skillfully in all her professional pursuits, from being a buyer of women's sports apparel for Kisber's Department Store, to owning and operating a bookstore and serving as a feature reporter for *The Jackson Sun*; and

WHEREAS, she cared deeply about the future of Tennesseans and worked diligently to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; her largest single

contribution was her unwavering conviction that a quality education can and should be available to all Tennesseans regardless of their course of study; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Regents by Governor Ned McWherter where her advocacy for technical education led to the development of the highly successful Tennessee Technology Centers across our great State and firmly established her reputation as a champion of quality education; and

WHEREAS, she was subsequently selected to chair the Technology Centers Committee of the Tennessee Board of Regents; she was also a member of the Advisory Council for the Tennessee Technology Center at Jackson; and

WHEREAS, she proudly served the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce as a valuable member of the 21st Century Workforce Development Committee and was instrumental in creating the Technology Scholarship program for the Jackson/Madison County School System; and

WHEREAS, her enthusiasm for her community was a custom fit for her work with the Chamber of Commerce as the Coordinator of Special Projects, and ultimately as Director of the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Jane Kisber's contributions to her community and to technical education have been justly and deservedly recognized by the Tennessee Board of Regents with the extraordinary decision to name two campus facilities in her honor, thus attesting to her sincere interest in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Technology Center at Jackson has named its administration building the "Jane G. Kisber Memorial Building" and the Nashville State Technical Community College library has been designated the "Jane G. Kisber Memorial Library"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kisber leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kisber was deeply devoted to her family as a wife, mother and grandmother and is survived by her beloved husband, Jonas Kisber, Jr.; her loving children, Matt Kisber, Joan Kisber Wagner and Rachel Kisber Obermeier; and adored grandsons Harrison Kisber, Thomas Obermeier and Matthias Obermeier; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jane G. Kisber, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jane Kisber.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.